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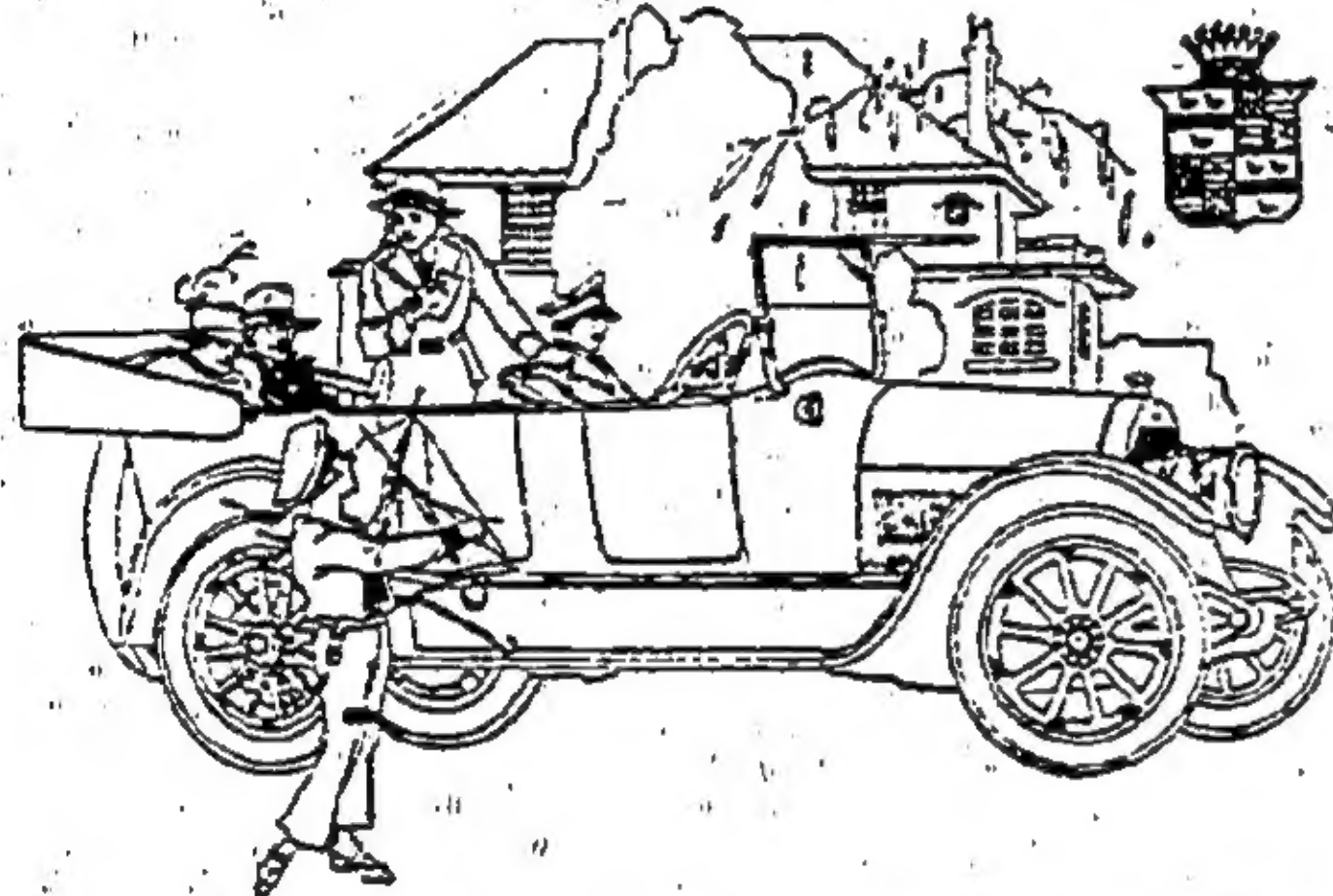
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

FRENCH CABINETS FALL.

HOW WILL ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS BE AFFECTED?

GERMAN HOPES AND FEARS.

PARIS, January 13.

The overthrow of the Leygues Ministry can be ascribed to a variety of causes. The Ministry was always regarded as a sort of buffer between two strong men M. Millerand and M. Briand, whose accession to the premiership was regarded as a certainty after M. Millerand's election as president. The latter, however, decided otherwise. Thus some bitterness always remained. Moreover M. Leygues was condemned as too acquiescent in the British standpoint and not sufficiently insistent for the interests of France, especially concerning the strict execution of the Treaty of Versailles. The majority of Chamber of Deputies was dissatisfied with the German postponements and excuses as it looks to the reparations money to repair the French finances which are gravely disorganised. Hence the latent feeling against M. Leygues reached boiling point. Future experience must decide whether the new Cabinet with a so-called strong and firm policy will promote or detract from the Anglo-French Entente.

A Havas message states that the Chamber of Deputies repelled by 463 votes to 135 the postponement of interpellations on the general policy as requested by M. Leygues' ministers who then left the sitting room.

KEEN INTEREST IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, January 13.

The hopes and fears of Germany are reflected in the comments on the fall of the French Government which was keenly discussed in the papers as betokening a possible new phase in French post-war policy. Reactionary organs express the opinion that the Chamber wants a stronger man than M. Leygues to tackle Britain and Italy on the question of German disarmament and expect a harsher policy to Germany, but the Socialist organs believe that France's financial difficulties compel her to approach Germany with a view to an economic and ultimately a political understanding.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT REOPENS.

PARIS, January 12.

A Havas message states: Parliament was reopened on January 11 with the two doyens' speeches. M. Siegfried, the Chamber's doyen, expressed his trust in France's future. He said that the French economic situation will be soon reestablished by the rapid augmentation of exports. He explained the Republican platform for the amelioration of the moral and material conditions of the workers. He declared finally that France should throw away the class struggle. M. Denis, the Senate's doyen, declared that the French army should be strong enough to force Germany to execute the terms of the Peace Treaty. He said that France will not stay alone. His friends, the British and Americans are not indifferent to the dangers threatening world civilisation. M. Denis concluded by asserting his unshakable faith in the future of the League of Nations. The Chamber re-elected M. Raoul Peret president and the same four vice-presidents.

TRADE DEPRESSION.

AUSTRALIAN COAL CHEAPER IN NORWAY THAN ENGLISH.

MANY SHIPS LAID UP.

LONDON, January 13.

Owing to the glut of coal stocks, Scottish coal masters have agreed to abandon fixed prices for exporting coal and to transact future business on pre-war competitive lines. More coal is now being produced in Scotland than the market can absorb. Railway sidings are clogged with unwanted loaded waggons. The industrial demand has diminished one third as the steel works are running at three fourths capacity, while the disturbed condition of Ireland has curtailed export to Ireland. Owing to the shipping slump 60 vessels have been indefinitely laid up at Tyne-side and dozens of others left in foreign ports for a like purpose. Many others are lying in the river awaiting cargoes. It is stated that coal can now be shipped and delivered in Norway from Australia at £1 a ton cheaper than coal from England.

SHORT TIME PROPOSALS REJECTED.

LONDON, January 13.

The executive of the National Union of Railwaymen has rejected the Government's short time proposals.

IRISH DEATH DANCE.

SIXTY PRISONERS SENTENCED TO PENAL SERVITUDE.

LONDON, January 13.

Sixty prisoners captured at the so-called dance at Bruff were sentenced by court martial to ten years' penal servitude each; of which five years have been remitted.

[A message on December 27 stated: A dance in which armed civilians were participating, was surprised at Bruff in Limerick within the martial law area this morning. The approaching forces were fired on by the dancers and a policeman was killed. The fire was returned, five dancers being killed. The civilian sentries at the dancing hall were overpowered and 138 were arrested and taken to Limerick.]

TENNIS TEST MATCH.

"GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED IN THE WORLD."

MELBOURNE, January 13.

In the tennis test match Australia versus the United States, Tilden beat Hawkes 6-3, 6-3; and Washburn beat Patterson 7-5, 6-3. Brookes and O'Hara Wood beat Tilden and Johnston 6-4, 7-5, 6-3. Hardy, the American captain, declared that the doubles was the greatest game ever played in the world. Tilden said that he was very grateful they had not met O'Hara Wood and Brookes in the Davis Cup.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2/11 7/15

Today's opening rate 2/11 11/15

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

THE ESKMONDE CASE.

SYDNEY, January 13th.
Mr. Eskmonde has so far refused to take the oath of allegiance which is required under the War Preventions Amendment Act of all aliens and supposed undesirable before landing in Australia. He also says that he holds a passport from Lord Curzon.

NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT TOKYO.

PARIS, January 13th.
The papers announce that M. Paul Claudel, Minister at Copenhagen, has been appointed Ambassador at Tokyo.

INDIAN PEASANT RIOTS.

LUCKNOW, January 13th.
Further disturbances broke out at Rae Bareilly on January 7th. A crowd gathered outside the jail and then attacked the Police, who fired, killing 4 and wounding 5. The total casualties since the beginning of the disturbances are 9 killed and 19 wounded. The situation is now well in hand.

GERVASE ELVES KILLED.

BOSTON, January 13th.
The English tenor Gervase Elves, on arriving from New York was struck by a train in the railway station and killed on the spot.

DANISH COURT DETAINED.

SPOKANE, January 13th.
The Immigration authorities have detained Count and Countess Vigo Holstein-Rathen of Denmark, pending deportation proceedings.

SWEDISH PARLIAMENT.

CHRISTIANIA, January 13th.
The King, in opening the Storting, said that the drafting of the Estimates was very difficult, but the Government had succeeded in striking a balance without increased or new taxation.

CHINESE BAZAAR.

FOR FAMINE SUFFERERS.

A PICTURESQUE EVENT.

An interesting Chinese bazaar, bright with colour and replete with picturesque features, is being held at the New Chinese School in Hollywood Road, in aid of the famine and war sufferers in China. It is organized by a committee representing the Tung Wah Hospital and the Confucianist Society. Everything on sale in the bazaar is either the gift of firms in the Colony or the handwork of scholars in the Chinese schools, and many exceedingly attractive articles are offered.

The building has been prettily decorated, the interior being transformed with flags and bunting. Theatrical, musical, and sporting events are held at intervals on the roof and elsewhere. In sharp contrast to the atmosphere of festivity that these convey, there is a shrine in a corner of the large hall, at which priests hourly chant prayers for the repose of the souls of those who have died by privation.

The schools taking part in the bazaar are: the Hongkong Girls' School of Art, the Yau Chi, the Tao Sim, the Chun Wa, and Kwai Tuk. The bands of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Confucianist Society, and the Lai Ho School have volunteered their services to the bazaar. Business men and social workers generally have united to make the occasion a success. An entertaining diversion is the "eight-cornered puzzle," a maze modelled on a plan by General Hung Ming, the Chinese military leader. The walls are composed of many yards of masting, and a prize is offered to those who succeed in reaching the centre.

Mr. Ross, the Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, visited the bazaar on Wednesday, made a donation to the funds, and bought a pyrographic painting made in his presence by Miss Fung Min-fung.

More than \$10,000 has already been raised by the bazaar for the relief fund. It has been decided to prolong the bazaar from a week to ten days.

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INQUIRY BY SHANGHAI POLICE.

On the morning of Thursday
January 6, shortly before 10
o'clock the str. "Albatross" sank
in the river near Kiangan
Dock, after having burned
furiously for some hours, the fire
consuming everything and leaving
only a mere shell. Circumstances
attending the loss of the vessel, so
far as at present known, are some-
what curious, and the Shanghai
Municipal Police have been called in
to make investigations.

The "Albatross," a wooden vessel of
1,000 tons, was built in Japan in 1918.
For Messrs. Lassaridi and Kerenky,
of Vladivostok. Recently she came
down in ballast, from Vladivostok to
ply in the China trade, being in the
charge of Capt. Pavlov, whose first
and second officers and first, second
and third engineers were Russians.
The crew was composed of Shanghai
men. The arrangement was, that
these latter should be discharged and
a local crew engaged on Tuesday
afternoon, but no information is
available as to whether the change
was made. The vessel was schedu-
led to leave Shanghai on Thursday
afternoon for Haichow.

STRANGE OUTBREAK OF FIRE.

Precisely how the disaster occurred
is not known. In short, at the time
of writing, the matter is "shrouded
in mystery." The Master's report
not having been received. It has been
reported that the vessel was observed
to be on fire at about 10 o'clock on
Tuesday night.

The probability is that the flames,
seen by some observer, were, sup-
posed by him to be on the other side
of the river, since no alarm was
raised and no assistance called for.
It was not until about 4.30 a.m. on
Thursday that the outbreak was re-
ported to the River Police. The
Customs Fire Float, in the
charge of the Assistant Harbour
Master (Mr. Antonich) at once
went to render assistance, and
worked on the burning vessel
until close upon 10 o'clock, by which
time the whole ship was reduced to
a cinder. Captain Myhre, the Har-
bour Master, accompanied by Mr.
Justesen (representing the agents),
went up to have the vessel removed
so as not to be an obstruction to
other shipping, and it was thought
possible she might be towed further
up river, but before this could be
done, the "Albatross" sank at the side
of the fairway, leaving only part of
the funnel above water.

The vessel was insured with the
Yamato Sailing Ship Marine Insurance
Co. of Kobe for ¥20,000. The
N. C. D. News understands that quite
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influence others in doing so, for my
patient and weary comrades."
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

We are half-way through with
Obligation Week, and it is being
asked: What is being done in re-
sponse to the Prince's appeal for
his "patient and weary comrades?"
writes a Home paper.

The *Globe* has suggested, and now
reiterates the suggestion, that several
hundred ex-Service men can be taken
on by London clubs as waiters in the
room of the women who took on the
work during the war.

These women are still hanging on
to their war-time jobs instead of go-
ing back to domestic service.

This is one reason for the shortage
of servants, in the opinion of the
proprietor of a West-End servants'
agency, who told a *Globe* repre-
sentative that she had on her books
the names of several ex-Service men
who would be willing to take on the
work of housemaids and parlour-
maids for the same wage which the
women were now asking—25s. or
30s. a week and all found.

It is still regarded, however, as a
somewhat dangerous innovation to
employ men in such a capacity.

Therefore let the women return to
their proper sphere, and so leave room
for the men in the London clubs.

In conversation with a *Globe* re-
presentative the Secretary of the
Constitutional Club expressed the
opinion that waiters are not asking
for the high wages they are said to
demand.

"We have a staff of something
like 270," he said, "and about 40 of
these are women, who came to us
during the war. They stood by us
loyally and we do not want to turn
them off now."

"We have reinstated all the men
who came back to us, though, and
these women are in the places of
those who for various reasons had not
returned."

"I agree that many of these women
were formerly domestic servants, and
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It is a wall perhaps twenty feet
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pletely with tile cast to represent
nine life-size dragons in bas relief, of
various colours—yellow, purple, buff,
maroon, orange—dancing gaily
above emerald billows, against a pale
blue sky.

Doubtless one should not speak
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of the lithe bodies. They leap, whirl,
lunge and writhe until the spectator
steps back, half afraid that they will
come tumbling off the screen, strik-
ing at the unwary with their sturdy
claws. There are, I believe, critics
who teach that plastic art should
never undertake to portray moments
of activity. If this be correct, the
dragons stand condemned; but if the
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Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

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28th January, 1921, at 11.30 a.m., for
the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1920.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY,
28th January both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary
to the General Agents.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

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ESTATE, LIMITED.**

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GENERAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE,
MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY,
28th January, 1921, at 11.40 A.M., for
the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1920.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY, January 19th to FRIDAY,
January 28th both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary
to the General Managers.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

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RECLAMATION CO., LTD.**

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that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Offices of Messrs.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on
FRIDAY, January 28th, 1921, at 11.50
a.m., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with
the Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1920.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY, January 19th to FRIDAY,
January 28th both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
NOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

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ARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on
FRIDAY, January 28th, 1921, at 12
o'clock NOON, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors to-
gether with the Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 31st December, 1920.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
WEDNESDAY, 19th January to
FRIDAY, 28th January both days
inclusive during which period no
transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

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structions to sell at their Sales
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the HONGKONG MOTOR CO. and are not
responsible for any debts incurred
previous to that date.

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33 & 35, Des Vaux Road.
Hongkong, January 4, 1921.

NOTICE.

THIS is to inform the General Public
that I, the undersigned, have not
given any authority to any person or
persons to sign my firm's name as
JOSEPH BROS., or my own private
name.

EDWARD MENASHIN JOSEPH.
Hongkong, January 10, 1921.

NOTICE.

OWING to the present HIGH COST
of living and the DIFFICULTY
of living on the present rate of
WAGES, we have requested our
respective employers to grant us an
increase in pay of 30 per cent.

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the wreck will be sold at the same
time, the proceeds of Hull and Cargo
being kept separate. Any persons or
corporations having any claims in
respect of the proceeds of the cargo
are required to send notice thereof to
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4th day of February, 1921.
Hongkong, January 7, 1921.

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Tamara Karsavina writes in the
Globe:—

A few months after the syncopated
dances first took possession of your
English ball-rooms, the wheacres
said "This sort of thing can't last
long." And that was before the
deluge—anyhow, it was close on ten
years ago.

So I feel somewhat shy in laying
down the law on when the latest
pride of syncopation, the jazz, will
go the way of all dance measures.

Yet the signs of a coming change
are many, and though the ultra-
smart still cling to that tormented
melody, the ordinary dancers of the
ordinary ball-room are frequently
tired of it, and are looking round for
something better.

There has been, no doubt, a lot of
nonsense talked by the moral cam-
paigners against the jazz. "In certain
circles almost any dance measure
made indecorous, in others measures
much more *outré* than the jazz would
be followed without offence.

It is rather interesting to read how
the old-fashioned people raged
against the waltz when it was intro-
duced into England. But now old-
fashioned people sigh for a return of
that decorous measure. Is it pos-
sible that our grandchildren will
sigh for the good old innocent jazz?

So that either we are going
steadily from bad to worse, or a
new dance always seemed shocking.

The tempestuous jazz, which pro-
mised such endless variety is proving

very monotonous. A professional
dancer, of course can make wonder-
ful use of the jazz, but that is beside
the point. The normal jazz-dancing
is featureless—and ugly.

The ugliness is obvious, and that
is what the would-be reformers are
emphasising. They call for a return
to more graceful measures. You
hear a number of them named, but
mainly two, the waltz and the
minuet.

Except as an occasional curiosity,
which enthusiasts would clap loudly
and hope in heaven's name that the
M.C. would repeat—I think you can
rule the minuet out as a ballroom
dance. The times are too strenuous
and our manners too casual for that
deliberate and stately measure.

It was always more for the Court
than the commons, and while the
fashionable were tripping and bowing
through, the minuet the unfashio-
nables were dancing quite vigorous
measures.

There is, I think, no doubt that the
waltz will be revived—in fact it is
being revived. But unless we re-
member the lesson taught us so im-
peratively by the American invasion,
the revival will be a short one.

Before ragtime the waltz was either
a quite featureless revolution or it
was an untidy romp. On the whole
my sympathies are with the rompers,
only they did not quite know what
they were about. That conventional
with the shoulders kept quite steady
and the heels never rising a fraction
of an inch from the ground is a dead-
ly affair. According to that school
an automaton would be the perfect
waltzer.

Now the British tradition—English,
Scottish, Irish, and, I believe, Welsh—
is all in favour of step-dancing. The
English were once very great step-

dancers, and we still have some step-
dancers in Scotland.

That was the true reason why the
instinct of the ordinary dancer was
changing the waltz into a romp ten
years ago. But there is something
better than a romp, and if an effort
is made to turn the waltz into a real
step-dance something wonderful will
result.

A true waltz is like a wave, there
is a rise in it, there are moments
when the partners should be together,
there are moments when they should
move most sedately, at others they
should almost break into a jig.

One of the greatest purposes of
accentuated steps in dancing is,
of course, to mark the time, and
in the pre-ragtime waltz time was
almost entirely ignored—even by the
rompers. That was where rag-time
got its chance. It emphasised time
almost *ad nauseam*, and yet the rat-
tling beat of it was a relief from that
other tedious revolution.

We need to have the merits of rag-
time in the new waltz. If we do I
believe that the reform will not stop
there, but that you will evolve a
dance in keeping with your national
temperament and the quick heart-
beat of the times.

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THERE is no use of our "beating
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last get down to it. We want
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"GROGGLY GRAPPLE"

A PREVALENT MALADY.

PARIS AGAINST INDECENT DANCING.

Dancing of an exaggerated actual
tendency has for the past year been
prevalent in the dearest and more
fashionable Paris places of amuse-
ment.

Despite frequent protests by, among
others, pre-eminent Church digni-
taries, such as the late Cardinal
Amette (who issued a formal ban of
the Church against such dances as the
"shimmyshake," which he described
as positively indecent), these "grog-
gly grapples" have shown that scolds
have been a prevalent malady in Paris.

One of the Paris leading dance
masters told a correspondent that
these barbarous dances were in reality
quite alien to Paris. He said that
they are importations from the low
"dives" of New York and Chicago
and the worse resorts of South Ameri-
can cities, and that they are gradu-
ally losing their hold on the Paris
dancing public.

At the Bal Bouliet, which opened
some time ago and represents the
popular form of dancing establishments
in Paris, there were quadrilles and
waltzes, though the fox-trot, one-step,
and tangos were also danced. To
most of the dancing no exception
could be taken, though one or two
couples kept to the bad habits of the
past year.

For this improvement in dancing
styles the French dance masters are
responsible. At their last general
meeting they decided that an en-
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DEATH.

THOMPSON.—On January 7, 1921,
at Shanghai, James, Herbert
Augustus (Sonny), the dearly
beloved son of Mr. and Mrs.
Thompson, aged 4 years and 4
months.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 14, 1921.

SECRET TREATIES.

If the secretary or manager of a limited liability company were to conduct his business in the way that has been considered respectable and right by diplomats in international politics, he could make very large commitments which would only be learned by the directors when it was too late to alter them. Let us get this analogy right. Shareholders, as we know, often are put in this position of not knowing what was done until after it was done, and some reader may, rushing at the first view of it, assure us that it cannot very well be otherwise. It is sufficient, they will tell us, for the elected directors to know and to approve. Precisely. We agree. Our analogy puts the people as the shareholders, and Parliament as directors. Our complaint is that not even Parliament has been informed of treaties until too late. When in 1914 Grey was telling Parliament of our commitment to France, he was careful to deny that it was a fact accomplished

ed. You are not bound, he repeatedly told the House of Commons, and then in the same breath made it clear that they were in honour bound. We are not saying that we would have had it otherwise; we are pointing out in this particular instance that even if our "directors" had greatly wished to repudiate the "manager's" contract with France, they could not decently have done it. It was too late. It could not have been done without forever nullifying our diplomatic representatives. As the war went on, and the people learned more and more, a widespread and outspoken objection to secret diplomacy manifested itself. "No more secret treaties" became a sort of slogan, faithfully echoed by the newspapers. It would have been almost impossible before the armistice to find any publicist willing to pronounce openly against that opinion which was subsequently embodied in the Covenant attached to the Peace Treaty. Clause XVIII says that "every treaty or international engagement entered into hereafter by any Member of the League shall be forthwith registered with the Secretariat and shall as soon as possible be published by it. No such treaty or international agreement shall be binding unless so registered." It was also one of the fourteen points of Woodrow Wilson. As part of the peace treaty it was signed by France and Belgium, and they were doubly bound to it, first by such signature, and secondly by their membership of the League of Nations. Yet France and Belgium have made since a Convention the terms of which have not been registered. Covering correspondence seems to have been notified to the League, but not the Convention itself. Therefore that Convention is not binding. Perhaps there are other secret treaties toward, for we read of an Italian Delegate suggesting that non-registration with the League need not render such

treaties non-binding (in spite of the plain wording of Article XVIII, which Italy also signed) but should merely cause them to stay outside the purview and jurisdiction of the League. If that be the dictation of the League, it is allowed to stand, it amounts to a flat repudiation of the Covenant and of the Peace Treaty itself. One clause dishonoured in an agreement disrupts the whole, especially when it is so important a clause as is this eighteenth we have quoted. If the Italian suggestion (and the Franco-Belgian Convention) are passed *en masse* contradictory, the way is again open for every kind of secret diplomacy, and a repetition of the bad old game that leads inevitably to such catastrophes as we have seen. It stultifies, and kills the League. The China Mail notes with pleasure that the L.O.N. Assembly was alive to this peril, and requested the Council to insist upon the uniform application of that clause. We shall demand the head of any British statesman whom we may find trying to get behind that clause, and we shall probably get it. Why then should we be silent when we find France, Belgium, and Italy leading the way in destroying the best part of the fruits of victory? The test question to be put to every statesman or diplomat asking for our confidence should now be (if we have any conscience at all) "Are you loyal to clause XVIII?"

ELECTING VOLUNTEER
OFFICERS.

It is held that discipline would suffer if Hongkong volunteers were allowed to continue electing their officers. Last year's ordinance introduced the principle of election, and apparently the War Office has intervened with a protest. The innovation was welcomed here, and the fact that the War Office objects to it would seem a further argument in its favour. In Council, when Mr. Pollock asked for an explanation of the objection, the General Officer Commanding, who, we must suppose, would in any case uphold the views of the War Office, explained that the elective method had invariably failed, and always must fail. His argument was that it failed in the Russian Revolutionary Army rather shocked us, because we are reluctant to admit the postulate that where Russians break down, we British must also break down. It might as well be argued that because it sometimes (not invariably) failed with the old-time buccanniers and pirates, it must of necessity fail when tried by civilized and reasonable men. As a matter of fact, it has not been tried often enough to warrant the statement that it must always fail. For the same reason we cavil at the argument that there is any force in the objection to the election of managers and officers in the management of commercial undertakings. When has that ever been attempted? It might work. We have no evidence to show that it would not. As for Hongkong, we are not raising the obvious point that it has not had a long enough or a fair enough trial. That would be disingenuous, for we do recognize that, short as the experiment has been, it failed. Volunteers themselves admitted it. The China Mail pointed it out. There was talk, was there not, of moral pressure, or of official canvassing that amounted to the same thing, brought to bear on some of the electors. In theory we are at one with the G.O.C., for it is manifest that men who felt that their suffrage they had given power to an officer would feel at times that they had a right to question his ways of using that power. This, so far as soldiering goes, would never do. The secret of making a good soldier lies in turning a man into a machine, prompt to respond accurately and efficiently to the pressure on a button or the turn of a lever. Military discipline (best Prussian brand) means absolute self-surrender by the individual private. He must not think or reason; he must acquire certain habits, and learn to obey "on the jump." These are not ways consistent with the attributes of an elector. Nor, from the military point of view, can it be admitted that a man may be a man on officer-electing day, and a soldier the next. Discipline must be so ingrained that he for ever ceases to be the sort of man who questions, or ponders, or considers, or weighs. We have been describing the correct military pattern of a soldier, not necessarily of the most efficient fighting man. There are men who think, and have cases to cite in support of the thought, that discipline can be overcome, that good fighting can be managed without making a fetish of it. But of that there is no urgency to speak. The immediate local point is how far this bit of War Office interference is going to effect local recruiting for the Volunteers. The principle of election was introduced to attract more men. It seems to have failed also in that. So the authorities must not be blamed for dropping it. Nor, we feel constrained to add, need they be praised for it.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two cases of diphtheria, one British and the other Portuguese, were notified yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham, C.M.G., retiring Director of Public Works, is to be entertained at dinner by members of the Chinese community on Tuesday next at the Kam Ling Hotel, West Point.

The December number of *The Yellow Dragon*, the school publication of Queen's College, contains interesting gossip of the activities of the College, from debating to sports, and plenty of personal notes. It is attractively prepared, and an invaluable medium for keeping all associated with the College in touch with what is going on in the membership.

On her way out, the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" celebrated Christmas with untold vivacity and originality. For one thing there was designed and made the largest cake ever heard of on the Pacific. It had the form of the ship itself and was 54 feet long, every detail of funnels, decks and sails worked out in icing; a quaint idea.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at a meeting held last week in Kuala Lumpur:—This meeting is of opinion that landlords be exhorted to revise their rentals and calculate them on the basis of a fair percentage of capital invested, reducing rents where they are in excess of such percentage. This meeting feels that in many cases a reduction of at least 20 per cent. from present rentals would be reasonable. This meeting is also of opinion that Government should bring the matter publicly to the notice of landlords.

A dinner in honour of the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., retiring Director of Public Works, was given at the Hongkong Club on Wednesday evening by a number of architects and civil engineers of Hongkong. The Chairman was Mr. A. Denison; vice-chairman, Prof. Middleton Smith. There were about thirty-five present. The hosts included—Mr. L. G. Bird, of Messrs Palmer and Turner; Mr. A. E. Griffin and Mr. G. G. Wood, of Messrs Leigh and Orange; Mr. A. G. Hewitt, Mr. E. M. Hazeland, Mr. J. C. Clark, Mr. A. R. Austin of Messrs Butterfield and Swire; Mr. F. Graham, Manager of the Electric Company; and others.

Last week two Chinese were remanded on bail on a charge of keeping a gambling den at No. 232, Des Voeux Road West. This morning when the case was called before Magistrate Lindsell, one of the accused failed to appear. The Magistrate ordered his bail of \$100 to be estimated. The other man denied that he was the principal tenant of the flat in which the gamblers were found, but after hearing the evidence the Magistrate found him guilty and fined him \$100 or two months' hard labour. The sum of \$1690 found on the gambling table was confiscated, also the gambling gear. On the application of Inspector Willis, the Magistrate made an order for the forfeiture of \$14 and \$10 found on the first and second accused respectively.

"ASKED FOR IT."

AMAH ALLEGES ASSAULT.

A PETTY SQUABBLE.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Calvo, of No. 37, Yuewong Street, Wanchai, were charged by an amah living in the same house, with assault.

Mrs. Calvo admitted assaulting the complainant but said that the latter "asked for it." The complainant was not her amah, but was employed by a lady living in an adjoining room. On the morning of January 11, defendant heard her child crying, and learned from her servant that the complainant had beaten the child. When defendant remonstrated with the complainant the latter said that the child struck her first. This, the defendant held was ridiculous, as the child was only a year and few months old, and was not yet able to walk. The complainant persisted that the child had struck her, and losing patience, defendant struck her in the face with a shoe.

The complainant denied the truth of this story. She said that she was cooking in the kitchen when the defendant's child was brought in by her servant. The child played with witness's face. Witness jokingly said to the child, "If you slap me, I will slap you also," patting the child's hand as she had said so. The defendant's servant told her what had happened in the kitchen and both husband and wife came out and assaulted her. Mr. Calvo struck her on the chest with his hand, while Mrs. Calvo used a wooden clog with which she struck the witness several times on the head and face.

The Magistrate remanded the case until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SPORT.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

S. C. A. v. "CARLISLE"

In this first division match on the Navy "A" ground on Saturday at 4 p.m., the South China Athletic Association team will consist of—Lau Hing Cheung; Fung Tai and Chan So; Leung Yuk Tong (capt.); Leung Tai Fong and Cheung Wing Shing; Ko Sik Wal, Ip Kau, Wong Pak Chung, Kam Fook and Au Kit Sang.

S. C. A. v. RECREIO.

In the 2nd. division match on the South China ground on Saturday at 2.30 p.m., the home team will be composed of Hui Shing Yiu; Fok Ping In and Kwok Sin Yan; Pang Kam Wing, Li Siu Ying and Lai Yuk Tat; Lau Tak Chung; So Chung Ming, Leung Ming Tak, Lan Hon Wing and Hung Kam To.

KOWLOON F. C. TEAM.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club in their League engagements on Saturday, 15th inst:—

1st Division XI v. Withthires on the Sokompo Ground. Kick-off 4.00 p.m.—W. Crocker, P. Wheeler, T. L. Knight, J. Coupland, A. Weyman, P. Bessley, W. Taylor, C. E. Millard, B. Paico, R. E. Townsend, and F. Evelyn: Reserve—G. White.

2nd Division XI v. United on the Hongkong Club Ground. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.—H. McKay, S. H. Hewer, S. Adams, J. Mair, H. Roberts, A. Martin, E. Denevan, A. Palmer, R. A. Mason, A. Estorff, and H. Blythe: Reserve—E. W. Alderson.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. "A" team v. Kowloon "A" team on Saturday, on the Kowloon Club ground, at 2.15 p.m.—D. Lyon Brown, C. C. Dance, E. G. N. Grimble, H. W. Hope, J. D. Humphreys, R. M. Madden, L. D. McNicol, G. W. Sewell, H. H. Taylor, and L. F. Townsend.

I.R.C. v. "AMBROSE"

In the above match to take place on Saturday the 15th inst., on the I.R.C. Ground, the following will represent the Indians.—A. H. Rumbah, A. el Arculi, S. H. Ismail, M. H. Abbas, A. A. Rumbah, S. A. Ismail, D. Weerapullu, N. M. Box, K. Khan, S. D. Ismail and D. Rumbah.

RUGBY CUP-TIE.

ARMY v. CLUB.

This match will be played on the Club Ground to-morrow at 4 p.m. when an excellent game should be witnessed. Comr. N. A. Woodhouse of the "Hawkins" will officiate as referee and the following XV will represent the club—H. S. Rouse; G. A. V. Hall, J. W. Alabaster, A. M. D. Wallace and D. Logan; J. W. Brown and V. G. Smyth; G. G. N. Timson, N. C. Macnamara, C. J. Cooper, A. T. Lamplugh, N. A. Harper, H. G. Baxter, J. S. McCann and J. Ralston (Capt.).

We have seen all these players on show this season with the exception of Rouse, whose return we welcome, and we have no hesitation in saying it is the strongest Club combination possible. The pack is experienced and fairly fast and we expect it will make rings round the Army forwards we saw last week. At half, Smyth could not be bettered but Brown has still to win his spurs. The same may be said of Logan at three, but if he gets a chance he ought to "use his speed to advantage."

The Club will play in colours.

SHOOTING.

"AMBROSE" v. "ALACRITY"

The following is the result of a shooting match between H.M.S. "Ambrose" and H.M.S. "Alacrity," fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 9, resulting in a win for the "Ambrose."

The scores were—
H.M.S. "AMBROSE."
S. P. O. Walsh 124
Mr. F. H. Jarvis 121
E. R. A. Tooker 120
S. P. O. Chilcott 111
Sgt. P. O. Chilcott 107
Ldg. Sqn. Newton 81
E. A. Ellis 78
P. O. Knight 75
Total 817

H.M.S. "ALACRITY."
A. B. Hewlett 110
Sgt. Jeris 109
Pte. Seymour 102
P. O. Goss 92
C. P. O. Seaward 88
P. O. Silcox 76
A. B. Darrer 76
Pte. Mills 75
Total 767

The "Ambrose" team was victorious until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

The standing committees of the Legislative Council, announcement of which was made at yesterday's meeting of the Council, the first of the new year, are as follows:—

Finance Committee.—The Hon. the Colonial Secretary (Chairman), the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, and Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

Public Works Committee.—The Hon. the Director of Public Works (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, and Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

Standing Law Committee.—The Hon. the Attorney-General (Chairman), the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, and Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

BONDED BRANDY.

REMOVED WITHOUT PERMIT.

LIQUOR DEALER FINED.

The Chinese proprietor of a wine and spirit shop was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with (1) unlawfully removing 34 cases of brandy from a bonded warehouse without a permit, and (2) failing to pay duty on the liquor.

The defendant admitted the first charge, but said that he did not know if duty had been paid or not.

Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said that the defendant removed the cases to his shop where he opened them and extracted several bottles. The actual removal of the liquor was a technical offence, but the removal of the bottles from the cases was a different thing. The second charge was an alternative to the first, and he would not press it. The defendant, said Mr. Smith, as a retail dealer with a large business, was in a position to commit the offence frequently without discovery, and he would like it to be driven home to the defendant that such offences were serious.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$100 or one month's hard labour, and ordered the confiscation of the brandy.

MISSING HONGKONG MAIL.

SINGAPORE PROSECUTION.

SHIP'S AGENTS FINED.

As briefly reported in a special wire to the China Mail, Messrs. Mansfield & Co., as agents of the s.s. "Knight Templar" was prosecuted at the instance of the Singapore Post Master General, for failing to give the P.M.G. reasonable notice of change of time of departure of the steamer and on entering a plea of guilty a fine of \$50 was imposed. For the prosecution it was stated that arrangements had been made to despatch by that steamer the Hongkong mail, but owing to the ship from the roads and not from the wharf as advertised, and changing the time of departure, the overland mails could not be got on board.

The defendants expressed regret for the inconvenience caused, which according to them was inevitable. Another case was mentioned by the prosecution, in which the agents by changing the route of one of their steamers at the last minute must have been the cause of great inconvenience in Hongkong and considerable odium on the Singapore post office.

BILLIARDS.

EXHIBITION AT V.R.C.

Last night at the Victoria Recreation Club, before a large gathering, Mr. George Grey, the well known billiards champion, gave his second exhibition in a 600 up game with Mr. P. Yvanovich, the Colony's champion to whom he conceded 250 points. Keen interest was centered on the match, which was full of exciting moments. Yvanovich was in fine form, and played an extremely steady game, making the most of his opportunities. Grey, on the other hand, was not as set as on previous occasions, and although he made several good breaks, was slow in compiling his points. Bad luck dogged him throughout the match, and when Yvanovich finished his 350, Grey had 440 to his credit. The best breaks were—Grey, 78, 49, 40 (twice) and several other double figures of 20 and over; Yvanovich 42, 39, 24, 23, 21 and several double figures under 20.

UN WHOLESOME PICKLES.

DESTRUCTION DELAYED.

CHINESE DEALERS PROSECUTED.

Before Magistrate Orme this morning, Inspector Caygill, of the Yaumati Police Station, charged a Chinese named Tam Kit-sang, the manager of the Kam Yick shop, with the unlawful possession of 311 cases of pickles, the same being unwholesome and unfit for use. A second man named Sam Yick, of No. 244, Shanghai Street, Yaumati, was charged with selling the pickles to Tam Kit-sang.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, the Inspector said that on September 15 last, the Naval Victualling Officer invited tenders for the sale of 1,300 cases containing 30,000 bottles of pickles. Sam Yick's tender was accepted and he took delivery of the pickles. It was a condition of the sale, said the Inspector, that the pickles should be dumped on the Ching-lee Island in the presence of an officer appointed by the Victualling Officer. The holder of the tender was only entitled to possession of the cases and the empty bottles. On December 24, the Deputy Victualling Officer saw two trucks containing bottles filled with pickles similar to those sold to Sam Yick being carted along the Kowloon City Road. He informed the police who traced the consignment to Tam Kit-sang who claimed to have bought it from Sam Yick for \$119. Consequently summonses were issued against both men. Another condition of the sale of the goods to Sam Yick, said the Inspector, was that after the pickles had been dumped, the bottles should be cleaned and submitted to the Victualling Officer for inspection. The inspection of the bottles and the supervising of the dumping had not been done because the Victualling Officer could not get a man to undertake the job.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner who appeared for the Kam Yick firm said that his defence would be very simple. He would admit possession of the pickles which had never been exposed for sale. It had never been the intention of his client to sell the pickles. The bottles were bought for the purpose of charging shrimp sauce. They had not had time to empty the bottles when they were seen by the Deputy Victualling Officer.

Dr. Woodman (M.O.H. Kowloon) deposed to having examined some of the bottles in question and found their contents unwholesome and full of gas.

Mr. A. E. Hall, who defended Sam Yick also raised the point that the pickles had never been exposed for sale.

Inspector Caygill said that he was prepared to admit that there was no attempt or intent to sell the pickles. He brought the case merely as a warning to the defendants to be more careful in future.

Upon the defendants undertaking to empty and cleanse the bottles immediately, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25 and granted Mr. Gardiner's application for the bottles to be returned to the Kam Yick firm.

PEAK TRAMWAY.

ALLEGED COAL THEFT.

FOUR MEN CHARGED.

Four Chinese were this morning charged before Magistrate Orme, at the instance of Inspector Kent, with the theft of 1,325 lbs of coal. The accused all pleaded "not guilty."

The Inspector said that on January 12, the Peak Tramway Co., issued an indenture on Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., to deliver 15 tons of coal. The first two accused were in charge of the weighing of the coal on delivery, and the other two accused were coolies employed to carry the coal. After the coal had been delivered, the first defendant went to Mr. Buyers who signed a receipt for the coal, which he took to the correct as no short delivery was mentioned to him. Later Mr. Buyers discovered the short weight and had the defendants arrested.

Mr. A. E. Hall who appeared for the first two accused asked for a remand.

The Magistrate granted the application and fixed bail in the sum of \$200 for the first two accused and \$50 each for the others.

More than one country is finding to her cost that it is easier to acquire a fleet of merchant vessels under war conditions than to turn them profitably at present. It is reported that the Japanese Government are being called upon to rescue these shipowners who have got into difficulties, and it is persistently rumoured that an attempt is to be made either to nationalise shipping or at least to bring about a merger of some of the larger shipping concerns. If the first of these two alternatives is adopted it may be a case of out of the frying pan into the fire. In any case the fact remains that notwithstanding the golden days of the war, the lists of Japanese shipowners who have retained their fortunes have been reduced to five or six.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LORD MILNER'S FAREWELL.

LONDON, January 13th.

Lord Milner spoke in a valedictory strain when presiding at a farewell lunch to the Earl of Strathmore, the Governor-designate of Victoria, in London, and expressed the opinion that the position of a Dominion Governor was not a whit less important and influential than under the Crown administration. A Governor, like a king, reigned, but did not govern. Lord Milner declared that the communities were delighted to go up to the position where the Governor possessed personality and character. Pursuing the contention he pointed to the fact that the influence and importance of the Crown was increasing in Great Britain under democratic government, and described the suppression of the Governor's position as a great error. Lord Milner emphasised the fact that nobody would force State Governors upon Australians from here if the Australians desired local appointments.

Lord Milner, replying to the toast of his health, took advantage of what was probably the last opportunity he had of addressing a company which was largely representative of the Dominions, and said that during the past two years at the Colonial Office he had met with nothing but the greatest kindness, sympathy and cordial co-operation from the visiting Dominion Premiers, Ministers, High Commissioners, Agents-General and Freeman connected with the Dominions. He believed he derived great advantage in the administration of the Colonial Office from his own experience as a Colonial Governor. He was convinced that the successful administration of the Colonies and the maintenance of good relations between Great Britain and the self-governing Dominions would be promoted by the constant flow of men backwards and forwards and by ensuring that men responsible for administration in Great Britain of affairs connected with the Empire outside be men who, as far as possible, had a personal experience of the difficulties and conditions of countries with which they had to deal. (Cheers.)

LARGEST PASSENGER SHIP.

LONDON, January 13th.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 27th inst. or they will not be recognized.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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AN UNREMARKABLE SITUATION.

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In view of all this—a state of affairs sufficient to bring rubber down to about 94 per lb.—the Rubber Growers' Association recently recommended the restriction of tapping by 25 per cent. This is now perceived to be hopeless as an attempt to help the situation. In the first place it is not known how many estates have fallen in with the suggestion, while so far from the streaks of rubber in the world being speedily reduced thereby, a surplus supply would still remain in sight for a considerable time to come.

FROM BAD TO WORSE.

From the time this palliative was proposed the situation has developed rapidly. It is actually becoming a question of the existence of many companies. A considerable number of companies are producing rubber above market cost, and where their reserves of capital are small it looks very much like a case of going out of business altogether for them. This, however, is not the worst feature of the situation. There are companies which can produce rubber at a price which still shows a small profit, but the point arises as to whether, in the present circumstances, it is worth the cost of tapping. This would be about 25 per cent. of the output, and the question of financing themselves through the present crisis becomes one of the utmost difficulty. When this is realized it shows the industry in an infinitely more parlous condition than appears at first sight.

Without question a very bold step must be taken if the industry is to be saved. A 25 per cent. reduction of output such as was at first proposed does not touch the fringe of the situation, and the thing has gained ground that a very much more drastic restriction is required. As soon as this is suggested questions of ways and means no less than finance have to be considered.

SUGGESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT.

In the industry itself the feeling is that government action is necessary if the situation is to be saved. Unless estates are to revert to jungle—a very rapid process in the rubber-growing parts of the world—they must be kept weeded, so that even if the staff of tappers is eliminated, weeding must still go on. There is, however, this difficulty in regard to the tappers. They have had to be recruited and trained, and there is much indentured labour. Were they to be dispersed estates would be put to much expense and trouble to recruit them again on the revival of the industry. But whether they can be kept together or not, it is to

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2. In a specially-constructed concrete vault at Bath.
3. In a castle in Cornwall.
4. Hidden in a remote district in Cumberland.

THE QUIET REMOVAL TO WINDSOR.

Sir George Younghusband explains in his fascinating book, "The Jewel House" (published to-day, Herbert Jenkins, 15s.), that after four bombs had dropped unpleasantly near the Tower it was decided that the jewels would be safer a little way out of London.

TALE OF TROOPS AND MACHINE-GUNS.

Therefore, one day, "a Royal car drove into the Tower and up to the Jewel House. Into it the more important and valuable portions of the Regalia, already packed in their own cases, were handed. It was all a matter of a few minutes, and then the car drove away to Windsor Castle, and there deposited the jewels in a secure place."

So simple, much too simple a story for the rumour-mongers, who set to work to invent something more picturesque. Sir George, with a chuckle, recalls some of their best efforts. The fact that the jewels, during their retirement at Windsor, got a little damp, was possibly responsible, he suggests, for the story that they had been sunk in the Thames, opposite the Tower for many months. Anyone who did not believe this had the choice of two or three other wonderful stories—

One inspired person mentioned that from certain information he had received a castle in Cornwall had been secretly acquired, and that the jewels had been taken there at dead of night. He added that in front of the Jewel House, and behind it, were two other trains, full of troops, police, detectives, machine-guns, and what not.

This was outdone by some ingenious person who, on no better ground, apparently, than that the Keeper of the Jewel House had been at Bath, taking the waters told his confidants that—

For the past eight months a deep and secret vault, lined throughout with concrete, had been excavated at Bath, and that the jewels were now safely deposited there.

PENNY DREADFUL HOME-COMING.

The choice of Cumberland as another supposed hiding-place for the jewels was apparently due to the fact that the late Keeper of the Jewel House, Sir Arthur Wynne, had settled in that country.

But if the rumourers were disappointed to learn that jewels were no farther away than Windsor, they made the most of the possibilities of real romance about the return of the Regalia.

Again, someone "in the know" provided a really picturesque picture of the homecoming. Sir George quotes an account of the desperate business—

At dead of night two officers of the Grenadier Guards, dressed in frock-coat with silk hats, and each carrying an automatic pistol, drove up to the secret hiding place in a closed motor-car.

With them were two detectives also in civilian clothes, but with bowler hats. They, too, were armed with automatic pistols. Beside the military chauffeur, dressed in khaki sat another soldier with his loaded rifle at the "present."

In a few seconds the Crown Jewels were transferred from the secret strong-room to the car by two officers, whilst the detectives stood tensely at the alert, their pistols cocked. In a few minutes all was ready, and the car, sharply wheeling on the gravel, sped at the rate of forty miles an hour to the Tower of London.

WHAT THIEVES MAY EXPECT.

After reading this beautiful imaginative effort it is really rather disappointing to learn that the return of the Regalia was no more thrilling a business than its departure. Sir George might have left the romancers to their detective, even if he could not admit two officers in silk hats.

No doubt the jewels were adequately guarded, whether by silk-hatted subalterns or bowler-hatted detectives; though they could not be as completely protected as in the Jewel House, where, according to Sir George, there are such scientific safeguards that "the ineptest or, indeed, the expert, thief may certainly count on being guillotined or electrocuted if he makes the attempt to emulate Colonel Blood's adventures."

KING EDWARD'S WAY.

A GENUINE POLITICIAN.

AUSTRIAN ARCHDUKE'S PEN-PICTURE.

A slight but trenchant pen picture of King Edward is sketched by the ex-Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, who under the name of Leopold Walding continues his memoirs in the Berlin Morgenpost. After a description of King Leopold II of Belgium, who he says, was not popular at the Austrian Court owing to a penchant for being late and spending the time in charming but doubtful society, the ex-Archduke goes on—

Hardly less unpopular at the Court of Vienna was King Edward VII. of England even when he was still Prince of Wales. The Emperor Francis Joseph had a pronounced dislike for him which I did not share. His lack of constraint and his aversion to Court slanders and etiquette, not to mention his ironical remarks about these things, pleased me immensely.

What struck me most was the continuous efforts of King Edward (the author is speaking of the time when he was Prince of Wales) to make the acquaintance of as many men as possible who had distinguished themselves in some walk of life. He had always been very eager to get into touch with Austrian feeling, and he showed a burning interest in the complicated question of Austrian internal politics. He also took a deep interest in all economic questions, especially with regard to shipping. He had the happy knack of extracting information from persons who interested him with the minimum of questions.

It was just this objectivity and minute interest in Austrian questions—especially was this the case in regard to the Southern Slav question—that displeased those in high places. They would have preferred him to be what ill-informed public opinion thought he was namely a man who gravitated between the Jockey Club, and the tailor's fitting-room.

Not that King Edward was not what on the Continent, is called a brilliant gentleman, but he was something more, and that is always resented in Habsburg. Thus it happened that his brother the Duke of Edinburgh, who did not trouble his head in the least about affairs, was extremely popular at the Viennese Court. King Edward came to grief over the mistrust there always was in Vienna for every genuine politician, especially for those who "did not need to do it."

Long after I had turned my back on Austria I met King Edward in Biarritz. I was sitting on the bench when he came up with several companions. He recognised me at once, gave me a hearty greeting, and sat down beside me, at the same time telling me with a smile that he was there incognito as Duke of Lancaster. He then began to talk about Austria. He had just been visiting the Emperor Francis Joseph at Ischi, and the Emperor had given him the cold shoulder.

The Emperor, he had declared, lived among antiquated views which even 50 years previously had probably been wrong. Apart from this he was governed by another influence, against which nothing could be done. By this King Edward intended to indicate the (German) Emperor William, towards whom it was known he had never been friendly inclined—a fact he made no secret of. We talked a great deal about Austria, with whose weakness he was well acquainted. He then expressed the opinion that a close alliance with England was the only means by which the State could be held to face its future, which did not seem to him to be very rosy.

At the time however, he was already King, and was working towards the grouping of the Powers which was intended to bring about the fall of Austria among other things.

This opens up horrible possibilities to the burglars, who, known by sight to the warders of the Jewel House, have been seen with their noses pressed against the bars, wondering how they could get hold of the crowns of the King and Queen, the Orb, the Sceptre, or any of the glittering treasures. Even one of the smaller crowns would be enough to set a burglar up for life.

At some time when the jewels were less carefully guarded, some daring person found it possible to tamper with the King's crown, and substitute an imitation for a magnificent aquamarine, which figured first in the crown of King James II.

THE MISSING SWORD OF STATE.

Many historians, says Sir George Younghusband, mentioned this stone with speechless admiration; but under the examination of a more expert and critical eye the aquamarine proved to be nothing more valuable than a ball of coloured glass. And where is the original stone to-day?

It was a disconcerting discovery, but not more so than the discovery, during the reign of Queen Victoria, that the Sword of State was lost. For decades the priceless weapon was missing, and then one day it was accidentally discovered at the back of a disused cupboard.

As Sir George remarks: How truly British!

VETERAN ACTOR'S DEATH.

JACK SERGEANT.

"SHALL NOT PLAY TO-NIGHT."

"Go down and tell them that I shall not be able to play to-night."

With these words on his lips passed away Jack Sergeant, one of our oldest actors and one of the most charming fellows who has ever driven the Theatrical castle.

Fifty years in all Mr. Sergeant spent on the stage, in which time he played Sir Henry Irving, Ben Webster, elder Compton, Creswick, Buckston, Osmond Tearle, Dion Boucicault, William Warren, Charles Matthews, W. S. Penley, Miss Helen Faucit (Lady Martin), Madame Celeste, and a host of others long since unfortunately gone to join the great majority.

Naturally Sergeant had a wealth of reminiscence, and few if any actors have ever enjoyed telling a story against themselves as he did. He began at the old City of London Theatre, Norton Folgate, in 1863, when, as he used to say, he had the impertinence to assume the character of Claude Melmotte in the "Lady of Lyons."

"I shall never forget it," he said once. "It was the most terrible frost ever seen. The only person in the house who had the slightest use for me was my poor mother, who had come to witness my debut. The rest—well they just jested me with flour bags; and that was the end of the first lesson."

Sergeant, however, persevered. Charles Morton gave him an engagement at Woolwich—also according to him, "a very terrible position"—and eventually he four, his way into Shakespearean drama at the old Sadler's Wells Theatre, under the management of Miss Hazelwood.

Miss Hazelwood engaged Sergeant at 10s. a week—a princely salary in those days, which Sergeant used to assure his friends would have made his fortune eventually if the play had run. But it didn't. It failed after the second week.

Barry Sullivan next took Sergeant under his wing—a stormy period of my life, for he used to curse my head off, but it was all experience—and then Sergeant wandered into pantomime.

His first pantomime was "Dick Whittington," and it will surprise some old players to know that on this occasion the captain of the ship was played by that afterwards well-known tragedian, Osmond Tearle.

In 1875 Sergeant went to the Lyceum under the management of Mrs. Bateman to play "Young Swindler" to Irving's "Macbeth," and in 1880 he went into management on his own behalf at the Elephant and Castle.

"I made money then," he once wrote, "but I felt there was something missing, and so after four years I went back to the 'legitimate' again. And with the legitimate, he remained off and on until less than a couple of years ago, playing all sorts of roles ranging from 'Sweeney Todd' to a part in 'The Thirteenth Chair,' the last play in which he appeared.

He was a sound old actor, and, as we have already said, a very charming fellow. His death is a very real loss to the profession.

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AMERICAN'S VIEWS.

NATURAL RESOURCES GREATER THAN THOSE OF CALIFORNIA.

New York, Dec. 12.—The natural resources of Palestine are greater than those of Southern California, and are able to support decently about 4,000,000 people, Mr. Harry Thomas Cory, former Director, General of foreign relief for the American Red Cross, declared in a report to the Zionist Organization of America, on his recent visit to Palestine.

Mr. Cory said his findings after a short survey of the Holy Land were in complete accord with those of Sir William Willcox, head of the Nile Projects Commission of the Egyptian Government, and Professor R. H. Forbes, of the University of Nebraska and an American student, of desert irrigation.

"The western slope of Palestine is naturally better than the Southern California region in and about Los Angeles, which has made possible that city's enormously rapid development," Mr. Cory said. "The configuration is strikingly similar, and I was therefore not surprised to learn that it was planned to irrigate 150,000 acres of this coastal land in relatively small units, largely by pumps."

"The soil of western Palestine is better in all essential particulars, more fertile and more favourable for intensive development. In the lower regions there is no danger from frost. Nowhere in Southern California is there a frost-proof area."

"The greater quantity and better distribution of the rainfall renders 'dry farming' easier and safer in Palestine regions."

"The valley of the Jordan is an entirely different matter as to climatic conditions and many other features. However, Sir William, Professor Forbes and I are in complete agreement as to the feasibility of irrigating at least 500,000 acres there. Sir William and I are entirely satisfied as to the ability, economically to develop 50,000 horse-power in hydro-electric plants."

A RARE BOOK.

THE CABINET MAKER.

PENNSYLVANIA MUSEUM SECURES CHIPPENDALE'S DIRECTOR.

PHILADELPHIA Dec. 16. (By Mail).

A recent addition to the Pennsylvania Museum of interest to cabinet-makers is that of a huge quarto volume of "The Gentleman and Cabinet Makers' Director," by Thomas Chippendale, master cabinet-maker of the eighteenth century.

The book, which is very rare, was published in London in 1754 and put under the protection of Hugh, Earl of Northumberland. There are 160 copper-plate engravings and the work is "a large collection of the most elegant and useful designs of household furniture in the Gothic-Chinese and modern taste."

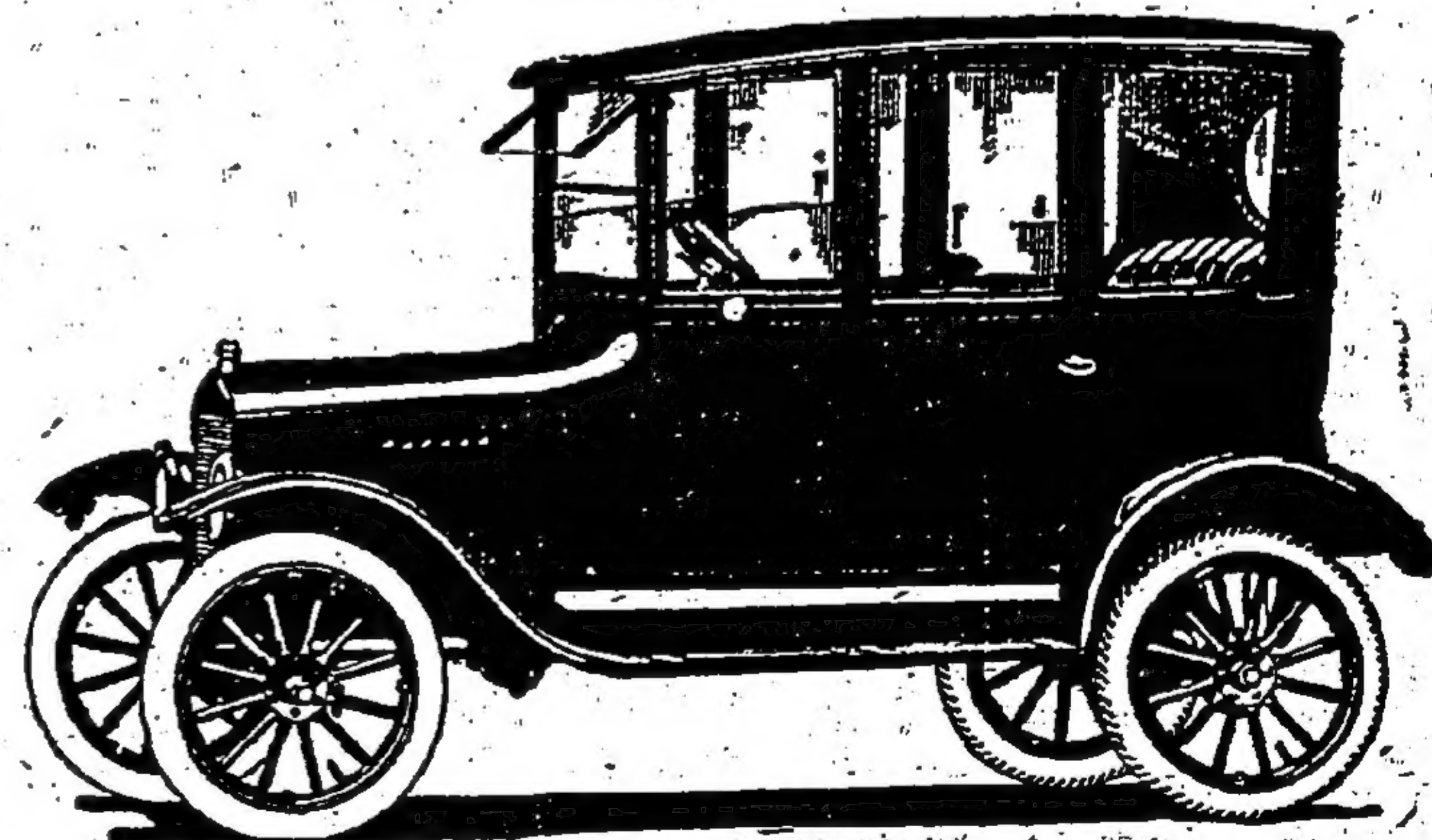
This book of Chippendale, which is about to be put on exhibition for the first time, was made thirty years before the Embassy from George III. to the Emperor Kien Lung of China, brought back more accurate information concerning the costumes and manner of the Chinese, but it marks the height of the fashion for "Chinoiserie," so far as England was concerned.—*Reuter.*

"The 500,000 acres are much more comparable to the irrigated lands in Imperial Valley, the south-eastern corner of California overlapping into Mexico."

"The future of Palestine is entirely dependent upon the human element. In that regard I was greatly surprised and impressed by the fact that probably the Zionists will be able to secure very quickly ownership of over half the land in that country. Further, the land which can be secured is apparently typical of the region as a whole."

"The one outstanding element in the human phase of the situation is the extraordinary morale which I found among the Zionists of all grades in Palestine. I was impressed with the exuberant spirit of enthusiasm and sacrifice for a cause."

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